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**EDUCATION**

- Duke University, Ph.D., New Testament, with minors in Hebrew Bible and History of Interpretation: May 2004; Dissertation: “‘And He Gave Them Authority’: Christological Discipleship in Mark 1-6”
- Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div., Biblical studies emphasis: June 1990
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, A.B., English, with distinction (Honors Program; Phi Eta Sigma; Phi Beta Kappa): May 1987

**OTHER CREDENTIALS**

- Ordained Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): since 1990

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Books*

[Under contract] *New Testament Conversations: A Pluralistic Introduction* (Abingdon).

This textbook introduces the New Testament in light of its literary and historical contexts, as is standard among introductory textbooks. It adds, though, a pluralistic dimension—both ancient and contemporary—by setting its content in conversation with other religious and philosophical traditions.

[Under contract] *Mark* (Illuminations Series; Eerdmans).

This series aims to address issues that arise from today’s increasingly ecumenical, interfaith context, with increasing attention to the history of interpretation and a synthesis of historical and theological insights.

2017 *The Cross in Contexts: Conversations on Redemptive Suffering* (co-authored with Mitri Raheb; Orbis).

This study combines biblical analysis with contemporary experience to reclaim the redemptive significance of Jesus’ death. Anchored in both the first and the twenty-first centuries, this conversation highlights God’s vulnerable power in the face of violence.

2015 *Christ and Community: The Gospel Witness to Jesus* (Abingdon).

This thematic exploration of Jesus’ messianic career and identity examines the close correlation the NT Gospels forge between Jesus’ own mission and the mission entrusted to his followers.

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2006 *Christology and Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark* (Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas Monograph Series; Cambridge University Press).

This revised dissertation combines historical with literary study demonstrate that the disciples' incomprehension in Mark concerns both Jesus' messianic mission and, by extension, their own.

*Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals*

2016 "The 'Good News' of God's Coming Reign: Occupation at a Crossroads." *Interpretation*.

2012 "What Is Old? What Is New? A Reconsideration of Garments and Wineskins." *Horizons in Biblical Theology* (34:2).

"Discipleship After the Resurrection: Scribal Hermeneutics in the Longer Ending of Mark." *Journal of Theological Studies* (63:1) 106-24.

2009 "Jesus' Messianic Self-Consciousness Revisited: Christology and Community in Context." *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* (7) 168-97.

2008 "1 Corinthians 1:3-9: From Text to Sermon." *Interpretation* (62) 426-28.

2007 "God's Fullness in Bodily Form: Christ and Church in Colossians." *Expository Times* (118) 169-73.

2006 "Taking Liberties with the Text: The Colossians Household Code as Hermeneutical Paradigm." *Interpretation* (60) 420-32.

2002 "'If Anyone Hungers . . .': An Integrated Reading of 1 Corinthians 11.17-34." *New Testament Studies* (48) 195-208.

2001 "'Concerning the Loaves': Comprehending Incomprehension in Mark 6:45-52." *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* (83) 3-26.

*Selected Work included in Edited Volumes*

[2018] "Mark: Introduction and Notes." New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV).

[2018] "Epistemology in Mark 8." *Reading Mark in Context: Jesus and Second Temple Judaism* (Zondervan).

2016 Various Entries. Women's Common English Bible (Abingdon).

2014 "Discipleship." *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Theology*.

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- 2013 "Mark: Introduction and Notes." Common English Bible (Abingdon).
- 2011 "Mark, Gospel of." *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible*.
- 2010 "1 Corinthians." New International Bible One Volume Commentary (Abingdon).

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

- New Testament Texts: Gospels, Pauline Corpus
- Historical Jesus (especially socio-religious backgrounds of messianic figures)
- Bible and Gender
- Interfaith Studies

**SELECTED CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS**

- 2016 "Taking Up a Cross: Resisting Occupation Then and Now." SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- 2013 "Christ and Community: Messianic Power-Sharing in the NT Gospels." Duke University New Testament and Judaic Studies Colloquium. Durham, NC.
- 2013 "Messianic Message: 'God's Reign Has Drawn Near.'" Society of Biblical Theologians Annual Meeting. Princeton, NJ.
- 2012 "Christ Died for Us? Substitutionary Atonement or Corporate Christology?" Creation, Conflict, and Cosmos: A Conference on Romans 5-8. Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ.
- 2011 "The Final Antinomy? Reconsidering the 'Otherness' of Christ." Paul, Jewishness and Otherness after the Holocaust. Center for Jewish Studies, Baylor University, Waco, TX.
- 2009 "Transgressing Borders: Insights from the Interdisciplinary Classroom." SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2006 "Teaching the Bible in the Bible Belt." SECSOR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC: Assistant Professor of Religion, 2008 to 2013;  
Associate Professor of Religion, 2012 to present
- Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, and Bible
  - First Christians: Diversity in Early Christianity
  - Other People's Mail: Reading Paul's Letters
  - Jesus in the Gospels and in Film
  - Women in the Bible

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- World Religions
- Holy Land, Holy People: Peacemaking in Palestine
- Better Together: Religious Pluralism at Queens and Beyond (Honors Seminar)

Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC: Assistant Professor of Religion, 2004 to 2008

- Introduction to Hebrew Bible and New Testament
- Women in the Bible
- Life and Letters of Paul
- Biblical Apocalypse and Beyond

Other Institutions:

- Wake Forest University Divinity School: New Testament Interpretation, Fall 2006
- Duke University: The Gospel of Mark, Spring 2004
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Introduction to New Testament, Spring 2003

**OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

2007 Baccalaureate Preacher, Salem College

2006 Convocation Speaker, Wake Forest University Divinity School

2005 Scholar-in-Residence Address, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Biblical Studies Guild

- Teaching Bible in PCUSA-affiliated Institutions Workgroup
- Society of Biblical Theologians
- *Interpretation*, Editorial Board Member
- Society of Biblical Literature (Membership HS097549)
  - Academic Teaching in Biblical Studies Steering Committee
  - Member, Mark Group
  - Status of Women in the Profession Group

Awards and Other Recognition

- 2013: Joseph Grier Distinguished Professor Award, Queens University of Charlotte
- 2008: Omicron Delta Kappa Professor of the Year, Salem College
- 2007-08: Wabash Center's Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty

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**SELECTED EXAMPLES OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND WIDER COMMUNITY**

- Director, Queens' Center for Ethics and Religion
- Leader, Holy Land, Holy People Study Tour (collaborative trip for students from Queens and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte)
- Author and Presenter, *Jesus Christ Incorporated*, a four-part video study series on messianic community produced and distributed to Presbyterian (PCUSA) churches in North Carolina
- Board Member, Bright Stars of Bethlehem (organization supporting the interfaith work of Diyar Consortium in Bethlehem, West Bank)
- Guest Speaker and Preacher, various churches in Charlotte, NC (e.g., First Presbyterian, Myers Park Baptist, Myers Park Methodist, Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian, South Park Christian), as well as elsewhere (e.g., Belmont, NC; Winston-Salem, NC; Burlington, NC)